



Wildland Fire Policy



Wildland fire management activities conducted by the National Park Service (NPS) are guided by NPS management policies and the 2001 Federal Wildland Fire Policy.

NPS Policies - Director’s Order #18 Wildland Fire Management

Director’s Order #18 outlines policies and directives related to all aspects of Wildland Fire Management. Specific to fire management planning the Order states, “Each park area with burnable vegetation must have a fire management plan approved by the Superintendent.” The Order also states that all fire management plans will include the following.

- ◆ Commitment to firefighter and public safety
- ◆ Describe wildland fire management objectives
- ◆ Consider the full range of management actions
- ◆ Promote an interagency management approach
- ◆ Be developed with internal and external input
- ◆ Include a wildfire prevention and analysis plan
- ◆ Include a fuels management and analysis plan
- ◆ Include procedures for monitoring
- ◆ Comply with the National Environmental Policy Act

2001 Federal Wildland Fire Policy

The 2001 Federal Wildland Fire Policy guides the philosophy, direction and implementation of fire management planning, activities and projects on federal lands. The following Federal Wildland Fire Policy directives pertain to the planning and environmental assessment process.

- ◆ Safety
- ◆ Ecosystem Sustainability
- ◆ Response to Wildland Fire
- ◆ Use of Wildland Fire
- ◆ Rehabilitation and Restoration
- ◆ Protection Priorities
- ◆ Wildland Urban Interface (WUI)
- ◆ Planning
- ◆ Science
- ◆ Interagency Cooperation and Coordination